

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University Assembly
April 24, 2018 - 3 p.m.
MSC Century Room A**

The meeting of the University Assembly was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Senate Chair. Dr. Pamela Stuerke asked for approval of the minutes from the Assembly meeting on Feb. 20, 2018. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Chairperson, Dr. Pamela Stuerke:

- Dr. Stuerke stated that the Senate/Assembly has had a busy year, especially with making significant changes to the bylaws and Senate Operating Rules. She told the Assembly that their participation in that process was appreciated.
- Dr. Stuerke thanked the members of the Senate and Assembly and its committees and chairs for their service throughout the year. She encouraged everyone to attend the reception immediately following the Senate meeting in Century Room C.

Report of the Chancellor, Dr. Tom George:

- Chancellor George thanked Senate Chair Stuerke and the Assembly for their work this academic year.
- Legislative Update: Chancellor George reported that he met with legislators in Jefferson City to discuss higher education and the UM System budget. Chancellor George stated that he has had positive interactions with the legislators and they are supportive of higher education. He reported that the Missouri House has voted to restore UM System's core funding. The Missouri Senate will review it next. Indications are that UM System will not get the 10% cut that the governor proposed. Chancellor George reminded the Assembly of the governor veto process as follows: The bill can be sent back to the originating House/Senate with the governor's objections. A two-thirds vote by members of both Houses is required to over-ride the governor's veto. The governor has 15 days to act on a bill if it is delivered to him during the legislative session; 45 days to act if the legislature has adjourned. Chancellor George also stated that Senate Bill 912 (tuition bill) is on the calendar for April 24. The budget has to be completed by May 11. The end of the session is May 18.
- Chancellor George said that a meeting was recently held in Jefferson City to discuss the UM System's impact on the state of Missouri. The impact study showed that UM System has a \$5.4 billion economic impact to the state of Missouri. The workforce the UM System directly supports contributes to the overall vitality of the state economy. A total of 61,105 jobs are supported throughout the state of Missouri. Chancellor George commented that higher education is good for the state.

Report of the Staff Association, Ms. Jessica Long-Pease:

Ms. Long-Pease encouraged everyone to attend the Mirthweek festivities occurring this week. She informed the Assembly that the campus community is invited to participate in the add-a-dollar campaign for the Triton relief fund that helps students who are struggling with hunger.

Ms. Long-Pease reported that the Focus on the Future program was held in March for staff members. She stated that there were 452 registrations for the various sessions in the program. She thanked the Provost for supporting the Focus on the Future program. Ms. Long-Pease said that the Intercampus Staff Advisory Council continues to work on election alignment across campuses. UMSL's staff council will be filling some open positions. She asked the Assembly to encourage staff members to let her know if they are interested in serving on the staff council.

Report of the Student Government Association (SGA), Mr. Sean Burkett:

Mr. Sean Burkett reported that the SGA held elections for next year. The SGA President will be Joey Dordoni, the Vice President will be Aleathea Williams, and the Comptroller will be Harper Wieldt. He invited the Assembly to attend the inauguration for the new officers on April 26 in the SGA Chambers. Mr. Burkett said that he is looking forward to graduating on May 13. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as SGA President. He also thanked Senate Chair Stuerke for all that she does for student success.

Administrator Evaluation Committee Report, Dr. Ed Bennett:

Dr. Bennett reported that this year's committee focused on the evaluation of the following deans:

- Christopher Dames – Dean of Libraries
- Larry Davis – Dean, College of Optometry
- Susan Dean-Baar – Dean, College of Nursing
- Dan Gerth – Interim Dean, Pierre Laclède Honors College
- Charles Hoffman – Dean, College of Business Administration
- Sharon Johnson – Dean, School of Social Work
- Ann Taylor – Dean, College of Education

Dr. Bennett reported that the Chancellor and Provost have received the evaluation results for the deans. Results are included in the individual's annual evaluation (e.g. to discuss changes from last evaluation). The evaluation results provide feedback and ideas for how the individual can improve. Those who have been evaluated have received a copy of their own results.

Budget and Planning Committee Report, Dr. Greg Geisler:

Dr. Geisler reported that the Budget and Planning Committee met on April 4. At the April meeting, the Chancellor provided a legislative update. The Provost discussed the status of the second draft of the Strategic Plan. Provost Sobolik received feedback regarding the Academic Prioritization Committee Report. Also at the April meeting, CFO Rick Baniak reported on FY 2018 performance. He estimated that there is a \$3-6M surplus for FY 18, mostly because of spending cuts, but also because of some revenue increases. Deficits going forward for the next four or five years will start off at about \$10M each year. The outlook for FY 2019 will be discussed at the May 9 meeting at 3:00.

There being no other business, the University Assembly meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes written by Loyola Harvey, Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office)